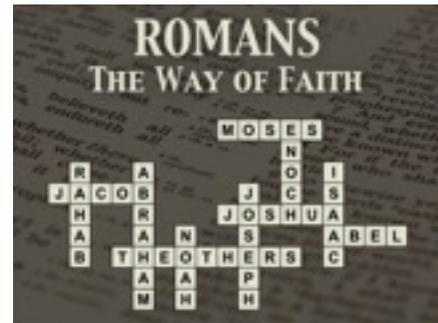


LED BY THE SPIRIT

Romans 8:12-25 (Bible Page 919)

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— ¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.



God is Triune

God is three Persons (Father, Son & Spirit) in One. God is in relationship.

We are made in the image of God - created to be in relationship with God and people.

Faith in 3 Dimensions

Past - Jesus died and was raised for us

Present - God is a real presence in our everyday lives, is in relationship with us

Future - God will restore all creation

Am I living as a functional atheist?

Or am I living out an authentic relationship with the Lord?

Romans 8:13 - By the Spirit, put to death the “deeds” of the flesh

Romans 8:14 - Be led by the Holy Spirit. To be led by the Spirit means requires that we surrender to God...the desire to please God pleases God.

Are you willing to be interrupted?

I am a child of the living God!



Your Notes *what God is saying to you:*

Application *for abundant living:*

Read Romans 8:18-30, then read Revelation 21:1-27

Spend some time in quiet, thinking about this promise of God. Try to imagine what the new heaven and new earth will be like. Imagine what it will be like to have a resurrected body, like Christ. What will it be like to be completely pure? Journal your thoughts.

Further Study *for a deeper understanding:*

Read Hebrews 11:1

Review the teaching about the three dimensions of faith - Past (having faith in Christ's finished work), Present (experiencing a God that you can't see) and Future (having hope in God's promises). In what ways have you reduced faith to a single dimension? What would your faith look like if you experienced a more real relationship with the living God?

Questions *for reflection or group discussion:*

What does it mean that you are a son or daughter of the living God?

Who is Jesus to you?

In what ways have you been "interrupted" that you now see were a "God ordained" moments?